



## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. WILLIAM OF YORK

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### **Mass Times**

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am

*(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasion)*

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

First & last Friday of the month after Mass

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**26 April 2026**

Dear Parishioners

The RCIA journey in faith programme is now back after a brief Easter break, we continue the period of the Catechumenate in the next few weeks up to Pentecost, as the Rite of Christian Initiations for Adults says "This is an extended period during which the candidates are given suitable pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training them in the Christian life" the parish community assumes its responsibility by supporting the candidates in prayer and involvement in Catechising.

I and the RCIA team appreciate the support of parishioners and catechists in this ministry and mission. Please pray for the candidates and enquirers Peter, Justina and Pam. I encourage the parish community to join us during the Tuesday evening sessions we hold weekly. The details of the programme can be found in the newsletter and the parish website.

Many Thanks

Fr Habte

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Acts 2:14a,36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25,John 10:1-10

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION-**

The idea of Jesus as the good shepherd is so familiar and comforting to us that it can lose its edge. But, today's gospel presents it as a challenging and radical concept.

The image of the people of God as sheep might be seen as suggesting that we are called to be a passive and pretty mindless bunch. But the sheep in today's Gospel have a real relationship with the Shepherd – he calls each by name. They choose to follow him because they recognise his voice. The shepherd offers his sheep freedom – because of him they go safely in and out and find safe pasture. So, far from being passive the image is one of love, individuality and freedom. Jesus is calling us to a mature and responsible way of life, which isn't about being part of a herd but about hearing him, loving him, and welcoming the wonderful concept of abundant life that he offers.

We hear this Gospel in Eastertime because this is the promise of the resurrection – a mature relationship with the risen Jesus which enriches our lives with abundance of happiness and hope. JD

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.

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**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS** - This weekend we baptised Thilo Ellis Boyle. Congratulations to Thilo and his parents Jade and Joseph from all at St William of York and welcome Thilo to our parish family.

## **BEWELL UPCOMING EVENTS**

We wish to bring to parishioners attention some events coming up that we would like you to sign up for and attend.

The first is on the Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April we have the Lewisham Citizens Assembly at Beecroft School Brockley 6-8pm. At the assembly we will be speaking with the Mayoral Candidates for the Labour and Green Party and asking them to work with us on Housing conditions, Mental health and wellbeing work and wages and Community Land trusts. People is power and it is really important that we get a good turnout so that the politicians know that we are a force that will not go away and that we have influence.

We have a Chin Chin making workshop on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30-3.30 and on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2-4pm we have our first anxiety workshop. Please sign up for all of these events. The leaflets and sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Please support these activities and we look forward to speaking with you. Please email the parish office if you have any questions [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk)  
Thank you.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife).

Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

## **MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

11 July, at St George's Cathedral - If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)



Hands-On Cooking

Traditional Recipe

Take Home Treats

Hosted by: The Be Well Hub Team

Saturday, 2nd of May 2026

Time: 1:30-3:30pm

Location: Church hall

Bring a DRINK TO SHARE!

Please sign up for this event.  
The leaflet and sign up sheet is in the narthex.

## BEYOND WORDS: A LIFE IN COLOUR

– Saturday 9 May 12noon-5pm

I am delighted to invite you to my sixth solo exhibition, Beyond Words: A Life in Colour.

This body of work explores life as I have experienced it—its movement, its challenges, and its possibilities—expressed through colour, open space, and spontaneous creativity.

A special highlight of the exhibition is my most ambitious project to date: a large-scale piece composed of over 35 individual paintings, carefully brought together on linen to form a single unified work. Each segment represents a fragment of life, woven into one complete story.

The event will also feature the launch of my memoir, Grace and Resilience, a personal reflection on my life's journey.

I would be honoured by your presence as we share in this experience together

Matthew Medupin

Venue:Upper Church Hall

St William of York Roman Catholic Church,4 Brockley Park ,Forest Hill, SE23 1PS



## Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

**Matthew Williams RIP**  
(Brother of Jerviane Edwards)

**Mary Finlay RIP**  
(Funeral at St William of York on Wednesday 6 May at 11.30am)

**Paul Tomlinson RIP**  
(Husband of Marion)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O. Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

### MASS ATTENDEES

4/5 April- 641    11/12 April - 283    18/19 April - 336

### PARISH DIARY

Sunday 26 April 6pm	Confirmation Session 8	Church
Monday 27 April 6-8pm	Lewisham Citizens Assembly	Beecroft School
Tuesday 28 April 7.45pm	RCIA Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 30 April 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Saturday 2 May 1.30– 3.30pm	BeWell Chin Chin making event	Upper Hall
Friday 8 May 6-8pm	Youth Group Meeting	Upper Hall
Saturday 9 May 2-4pm	BeWell Anxiety Workshop	Cafe York
Saturday 9 May 12pm-5pm	Matthew Medupin's Art Exhibition & Book launch	Upper Hall
Sunday 10 May 2.45pm	Eucharist Session 4 Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Monday 11 May 7.45pm	PPC Meeting	Cafe York

**VOTIVE CANDLES** - We have added a QR code on a stand beside the votive candles for parishioners who may wish to donate to the parish for candles using their contactless card. Please note there is an option to select any amount other than the buttons displayed. Please do not forget to Gift Aid!  
Thank you for your donations and prayers.





**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

**Saturday 25 April 2026**

**18:00** Mary Garvey RIP

**Sunday 26 April 2026**

**09:30** Joan Godwin RIP

**11:30** For the Parishioners

**Monday 27 April 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Theresa Harris (FM)

**Tuesday 28 April 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Evalina Casimir RIP

**Wednesday 29 April 2026 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

**09:30** Joseph Dominique RIP Anniversary (live-streamed)

**Thursday 30 April 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (No Mass)

**Friday 1 May 2026 - Feria**

**09:30** AB Birthday Thanksgiving

**Saturday 2 May 2026 - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**10:30** Holy Souls

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

**Saturday 2 May 2026**

**18:00** For the Parishioners

**Sunday 3 May 2026**

**09:30** McGurran Family Wellbeing

**11:30** Maura Beary

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

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# CALLED

## EXPLORE YOUR VOCATION

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO?



AN EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35



**6:30 PM**

Gathering Music (*Loretto*)



**7:00 PM**

Welcome followed by  
Eucharistic Adoration  
*Confessions available in  
confessionals and side chapels*



**Praise & Worship**

*led by Loretto &  
Fr Joseph Gulliford*



**Testimony on Marriage**

*Claudia Schmuckler &  
Diego Sarkissian*



**Testimony: Religious Life**

*Sr Stella Muia LSOP*



**8:05 PM**

Benediction

*Fr Frazer Bellfield*



**8:15 PM**

Keynote Talk: Vocation & Priesthood

*Bishop Gerard Bradley*



**8:40 PM**

Veneration of the Relic of  
St John Henry Newman



Music from the  
*Cathedral Lay Clerks*



**AFTERWARDS**

Social Gathering in the Hall



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# BISHOP GERARD BRADLEY


“ God has created me  
to do Him some definite service. ”

— St John Henry Newman

  
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GEORGE'S**  
YOUNG ADULTS

# St William of York Be Well

## WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

**Connecting our community, one conversation at a time.**



Be Well is our parish's warm, welcoming space for anyone who wants to feel more connected. We're here to build relationships, reduce isolation, and create a community where people feel comfortable talking, listening, and supporting one another.

2025 was our first big year:

- We launched monthly Be Well Drop-ins at Café York supported by our newly trained Be Well Champions.
- We held Nature Walks, to give people a chance to walk, talk and enjoy local green spaces together.
- We supported young people with a dedicated Year 6–7 Transition Day.
- We hosted St Christopher's Hospice who led a conversation about Grief & Loss.
- We ran a hands on Gnocchi making class.



We've got even more community activities on the way, as St William of York's Be Well Hub continues to grow into a place where everyone can feel welcome and supported as part of the community.

**Come together and connect, all are welcome!**  
**Email [swoybewellhub@gmail.com](mailto:swoybewellhub@gmail.com) with any questions.**

# EVENTS IN 2026

Drop in | 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM  
Cafe York

Last  
Saturday  
of Every  
Month

Mar 28  
Jun 11  
Sep 26

Nature Walk | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Around the local area

Citizens Lewisham Mayoral Assembly  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Beecroft Garden Primary School

Apr 27

May 2

Chin-Chin Making  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Upper Hall

Anxiety Workshop  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Cafe York

May 9

June 20

Primary to Secondary School Transition Day  
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM | Upper Hall

Jam Making | 12:00PM – 3:00 PM  
Upper Hall

June 27

Oct 3

Ravioli Making | 12:30 PM – 15:30 PM  
Upper Hall

Bereavement Talk | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Upper Hall

Nov 14

Dec 5

Christmas Event | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
Upper Hall